

NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING OCT. 8 IN LEICESTER FOR THE PROPOSED  
IMPROVEMENTS TO NEW LEICESTER HIGHWAY (N.C. 63) FROM GILBERT ROAD TO  
NEWFOUND ROAD / DIX CREEK CHAPEL ROAD

TIP Project No. U-3301

The N.C. Department of Transportation proposes to improve New Leicester Highway (N.C. 63) from near Gilbert Road (State Road 1615) to about 600 feet past the Newfound Road (S.R. 1004) / Dix Creek Chapel Road (S.R. 1375) intersection in Buncombe County.

A public meeting was held for this project in December 2012. At that time, a design was presented for a four-lane divided roadway with a 23-foot grass median, which transitioned to a three-lane undivided roadway with curb and gutter through the Leicester community. The proposed design included five roundabouts between Gilbert Road and Alexander Road.

Since the December 2012 meeting, the design has been modified based on input from the public. The current design includes traditional intersections instead of roundabouts. Another design concept was also considered, but has not been carried forward for detailed design because it does not meet the purpose and need of the project.

The meeting will take place on **Tuesday, Oct. 8** at the **Leicester Elementary School** located at **31 Gilbert Road** in **Leicester**. It will begin with an open house from 4 to 5:30 p.m., followed by a formal presentation at 6 p.m., and ending with a question and answer session until 8 p.m. The opportunity to submit written comments and ask questions will be provided throughout the meeting. The presentation and comments received will be recorded and included in the alternative selection process.

NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments regarding the three proposed alternatives for the project during the open house portion of the meeting. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the open house hours.

The formal presentation will include an explanation of the design modifications, the required right of way and relocation requirements and procedures that will be part of the project.

Copies of the maps are also available on the project website at:  
<http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings>.

For additional information, contact Drew Joyner, NCDOT – Human Environment Section at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, by phone at (919) 707-6077, or via email at [PublicInvolvement2@ncdot.gov](mailto:PublicInvolvement2@ncdot.gov). Please submit comments by October 23, 2013.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Joyner as early as possible so that arrangements can be made. Persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.